

Rhode Island Ambulance Service Advisory Board
EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE

July 6th, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Sub-committee members:

- Michael DeMello, Chairman
- Bethany Gingerella
- Raymond Medeiros
- John Pliakas
- Jason Rhodes
- David Savastano
- Jason Umbenhauer

Guests:

- Richard Blais
- Jeffrey Howe
- Marissa Laurent
- Albert Peterson
- Todd Manni

Upon determining a quorum, Chairman DeMello called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM in the conference room at the Johnston Senior Center. Chairman DeMello appointed Todd Manni from the Rhode Island Department of Health Center of Emergency Medical Services to serve as the non-voting acting secretary for purposes of recording the minutes of the meeting.

Upon a motion made by Raymond Medeiros and seconded by Jason Umbenhauer, the agenda of the meeting was approved. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Upon a motion made by Raymond Medeiros and seconded by Jason Umbenhauer, the minutes of the VVV meeting of the Educational Standards Sub-Committee was approved as presented. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Under *old business*, Chairman DeMello briefly touched upon an overview and documentation pertaining to an educational bridge program relating to RN to Paramedic. No action was taken.

A discussion ensued amongst members regarding requirements for Instructor Coordinators versus EMS Instructors. Since the requirement of accredited institutions, modernization of the system and training for those instructing students should be reviewed and updated. Specifically, length of time as an EMT, certification as an NFPA fire instructor and other requirements should be considered so to create a modern set of standards reflective of today's EMS training program. The committee will continue to review this concept. No action was taken.

Chief Rhodes presented a proposal for replacement of the traditional EMT refresher program with a system that relies on Continuing Educational Credits which incorporates national, state/local, and individual courses for re-licensure as an EMT. The intent of the proposed CEC program is to better serve the continuing educational needs of individual EMTs and allow for customization based on areas on individual development needs and growth. Further, all completion data may be housed on Image Trend, excluding the need for individual audits. The Sub-committee wishes to review this again. No action was taken.

Note: Mr. Medieros is called away due to a fire emergency occurring in his community and leaves the meeting at 10:36AM.

Under *new business*, Chairman DeMello calls upon Chief Rhodes to discuss the creation of an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) level of care in Rhode Island. Chief Rhodes states that this level of care would fill a void that currently exists, especially with those non-transporting fire services that will often times respond along with third service transporting services. It further provides an opportunity to police officers and campus public safety officers to provide a more realistic level of care during medical emergencies prior to the arrival of transporting EMS.

Discussion continues regarding the program here in Rhode Island and that this matter should be reviewed by the Rules and Regulations Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Ambulance Service Advisory Board. A motion is made by John Pliakas and seconded by Jason Umbenhauer that if an EMR program is instituted in Rhode Island, it shall comply with the National EMS Educational Standards set forth by NHTSA and require national certification through the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians. **The motion passed 6-0.**

Chairman DeMello briefly discussed an educational bridge program between military medic and civilian paramedic program. It was agreed to discuss this further at another meeting.

A motion was made by Jason Umbenhauer and seconded by Jason Rhodes. **The motion passed 6-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:09AM.

Submitted:

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